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USSR-PAKISTAN: Prospects for an Afghan Settlement. (U)

[REDACTED] The Soviets are showing a hard line concerning the Geneva talks on Afghanistan, and the prospects for a political settlement are bleak.

[REDACTED] The second round of the UN-sponsored indirect talks on Afghanistan is scheduled for 16 through 25 June. The draft-agenda issues concerning withdrawal of Soviet forces and nonintervention in Afghan internal affairs have remained major roadblocks to a political resolution. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Although these latest developments contrast sharply with recent positive statements from senior UN and Pakistani officials, they do not necessarily represent a shift in the Soviet position. The Soviets are saying in public now what they very likely have been saying in private from the outset, further demonstrating Moscow's commitment to a forcible solution in Afghanistan. [REDACTED]

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